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REMARKS

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25X1 1. The following military trains were observed passing through Sulza, heading toward Weimar:

a. A train carrying tanks with red star emblems [REDACTED] 25X1

25X1 [redacted]
25X1 [redacted] at 4:15 p.m. on 17
April 1950.

b. A train carrying tanks with red star
emblems [REDACTED] at 7:35 p.m. on
[REDACTED] 17 April 1950. (1)

c. A train carrying tanks with red star
emblems [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] and trucks [redacted] 25X1
at 7:45 a.m. on 18 April 1950.

25X1 d. A train carrying pontoons and trucks
[redacted] at 0:20 p.m.
on 18 April 1950. 25X1

e. A train carrying soldiers and trucks
[REDACTED] 25X1
at 4 p.m. on 18 April 1950.

2. A train, coming from the Jena Westbahnhof (western railroad station) and heading toward Weimar on 22 April 1950, consisted of:

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Ten boxcars occupied by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets
 Ten to fifteen railroad cars loaded with an unidentified number of trucks
 Fifteen railroad cars carrying an unidentified number of 45-mm AT guns
 One railroad car carrying two 37-mm AT guns
 Two railroad cars, each loaded with two passenger cars
 One coach.

Motor vehicles

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3. The following military trains, coming from the direction of Fuerstenwalde and heading toward Cottbus or Lieberose, were observed in Frankfurt/Oder:

- a. A train carrying 18 tanks

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one armored scout car and equipment and soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets (in eight boxcars) on 24 April 1950.

- b. A train carrying nine tanks

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20 sidecar motorcycles, four guns, five trucks one field kitchen and equipment and soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets (in eight boxcars), on 25 April 1950. (2)

4. The following military trains were observed at the Drewitz loading station near the Karl Marx Plant VEB (formerly Ohrenstein & Koppel Plant):

- a. A train carrying new trucks and 100-mm AT guns on 26 April 1950.

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One of the key employees of the Karl Marx Plant stated that all new trucks and AT guns entrained in Drewitz had been assembled in the plant.

- b. A train carrying about 20 new trucks and twenty 100-mm AT guns on 30 April 1950. The train was headed east. (3)

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4. The following west-bound shipments passed through Frankfurt/Oder:

a. Forty boxcars loaded with ammunition on 12 May 1950. Receiver: [] Wulkow.

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b. Twenty-four half-track trucks on 12 May 1950. Receiver: [] Ohrdruf.

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c. Twenty-four half-track trucks on 12 May 1950. Receiver: [] Magdeburg.

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d. Twenty-nine tank cars on 13 May 1950. Receiver: [] Velten.

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e. Thirty-one tank cars on 14 May 1950. Receiver: [] Velten.

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f. About 1,400 Soviet officers, allegedly delegates to the Whitsun rally, in two special express trains toward Cottbus on 17 and 18 May 1950. (4)

(1) [] Comment. Eighth Gds Army units going to the Ohrdruf and Eisenach-Kindel troop training grounds between 16 and 25 April 1950. Motor vehicles of component units of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div, the 21st Gds Mecz Div and the 20th Gds Mecz Div were on the trains.

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(2) [] Comment. Probably tank components of the 7th Gds Mecz Div going from Fuerstenwalde to the Lieberose troop training grounds. []

[] the Frankfurt/Oder units of this division left toward Cottbus (presumably going to Lieberose) between 16 and 23 April 1950, it can be safely assumed that the component units of the 7th Gds Mecz Div were transferred to the Lieberose troop training grounds.

(3) [] Comment. Probably supply shipments. []

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(4) The two special trains occupied by officers

[] The officers were presumably delegates to the Berlin Whitsun rally rather than members of a high military academy who toured the Soviet Zone of Germany for instruction purposes, as was previously assumed.

(5) [] Confirms the Velten main fuel depot of the GONG up to 14 May 1950. [] confirms the Wulkow ammunition depot.

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